

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-1214-P)**

<b>In re Application of:</b>	<b>Welcher et al.</b>	)	
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<b>Serial No.:</b>	<b>TBA</b>	)	<b>Before the Examiner:</b> <b>TBA</b>
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<b>Filed:</b>	<b>Herewith</b>	)	<b>Group Art Unit:</b> <b>TBA</b>
		)	
<b>For:</b>	<b>Nucleic Acids Encoding</b>	)	
	<b>Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist-</b>	)	
	<b>Like Proteins and Uses Thereof</b>	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir/Madam:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments: